Institutes, Composite Rehabilitation Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centres and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are also assisted under the scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities (Umbrella Scheme) and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP). Soft loans are also provided by National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) for self-employment ventures. In addition, various States are also providing facilities and concession like pension, unemployment allowance, transport subsidies etc.

Inclusion of Bengali Navshudra in SC Category

†1479. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3090 given in Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the requisite information asked from the State Government has been received; and

(b) if so, by when the Bengali Navshudra caste of Uttaranchal will be included in the list of Scheduled Caste?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The State Government of Uttaranchal was requested for sending relevant information on 14.09.2001. They have been reminded again. Relevant details are awaited. Further action can be taken on getting details. No time frame can, however, be assigned, as it requires consultation with several agencies.

Grants for Old Age Homes to Jharkhand

1480. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided grants-in-aid to the State Government of Jharkhand for setting up Old Age Homes for the welfare of senior citizens in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of Old Age Homes presently in operation and the number of senior citizens in the State availing its benefits as on date and future expansion plan, if any?

†Original notice of the question was reeceived in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Schemes for Welfare of Backward and Weaker Sections

†1481. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes/projects being implemented for the welfare of backward and weaker sections in Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and North-Eastern States;

(b) the amount allocated by Government to these States and amount actually spent by them during the last two years; and

(c) the achievements of government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below). The implementation of the schemes in the States/Union Territories is carried out by the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration. Release of funds to the States/Union Territories is made upon satisfactory utilization of funds released earlier.

Statement

Schemes for welfare of backward and weaker sections

Uttar Pradesh

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds provided (Rs. in lakh) 1999-00	2000-01
1.	Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs)	—	10.20
2.	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for welfare of OBCs	25.11	12.10
3.	Schemes of the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC)	230.00	133.69
4.	Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan	9728.65	9398.00
5.	Assistance to Scheduled Caste (SC) Development Corporation	85.72	300.00
6.	Scheme for Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs/STs	1261.85	1383.22
7.	Upgradation of merit for SCs	71.65	—

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